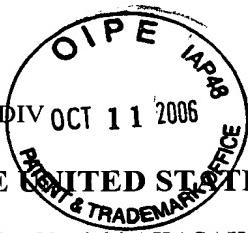


Docket No. 250980US8DIV OCT 11 2006



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Youichi AKASAKA, et al.

SERIAL NO: 10/824,402

GAU: 3663

FILED: April 15, 2004

EXAMINER: DIACOU, ARI M

FOR: RAMAN AMPLIFIER, OPTICAL REPEATER, AND RAMAN AMPLIFICATION METHOD

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

It is hereby requested that a **three** month extension of time be granted to October 11, 2006 for

- filing a response to the Official Action dated: April 11, 2006
- responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:
- filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed.
- responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated:
- filing a Notice of Appeal. A timely response to the final rejection, due has been filed.
- filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on:
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half.

The required fee of \$1,020.00 is enclosed herewith by credit card payment and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.



Bradley D. Lytle

Registration No. 40,073

Customer Number

22850

Tel. (703) 413-3000

Fax. (703) 413-2220

(OSMMN 05/03)

I:\ATTY\BDL\25S\250980US-8DIV\250980US.EOT3_101106.DOC

10/12/2006 MAHMED1 00000042 10824402

02 FC:1253

1020.00 0P